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The report consists of [redacted]  
shipping trade between the East Bloc and Communist Chinese ports.  
The tabulations indicate the extent of the trade and, to a certain  
extent, the mutual overseas aid given.

Specifically, they indicate:

## a. Traffic to Far East ports:

Soviet ships	10 with 29,512 GRT
Polish ships	8 with 54,804 GRT
Vessels chartered by the East Bloc	15 with 83,217 GRT

## b. Traffic from Far East ports:

Soviet ships	17 with 98,888 GRT
Polish ships	5 with 30,379 GRT
Vessels chartered by the East Bloc	3 with 18,620 GRT

## c. Ships trading in Far East waters:

Polish ships	2 with 14,268 GRT
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The number of ships observed totaled 104 vessels aggregating  
592,851 GRT. The considerably larger number of outward-bound ships  
is believed to be caused partly by seasonal conditions.

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1. Comment. The information [ ] indicates that Far East-bound Soviet ships under way included 10 ships totaling 29,512 GRT, including eight new vessels, which carried cargo on their first outward voyage [ ]

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2. Comment. The information [ ] shows that Soviet ships homeward-bound from the Far East included 13 ships totaling 98,888 GRT. [ ]

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3. Comment. [ ] ships leaving East Bloc ports (exclusive of Soviet ports) for Communist Chinese ports included 9 Polish ships with 58,556 GRT, 15 chartered vessels with 88,315 GRT and 3 Soviet ships with 8,229 GRT or a total of 27 ships with 155,100 GRT. The monthly breakdown by departures was 2 Polish ships, 1 chartered vessel, 1 Soviet ship or 4 ships totaling 21,853 GRT in October; 2 Polish ships, 3 chartered vessels, 1 Soviet ship or 6 ships totaling 33,919 GRT [ ]; 3 Polish ships, 7 chartered vessels, no Soviet ship or 10 ships totaling 57,725 GRT [ ]; and 2 Polish ships, 4 chartered vessels and 1 Soviet ship or 7 ships totaling 41,603 GRT [ ] or a grand total of 9 Polish ships, 15 chartered vessels, 3 Soviet ships or 27 ships with 155,100 GRT.

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4. Comment. [ ] ships [ ] from Communist Chinese ports for East Bloc ports (exclusive of Soviet ports) included 3 Polish ships totaling 19,444 GRT, 3 chartered vessels totaling 21,620 GRT and 5 Soviet ships totaling 27,672 GRT or 11 ships with 68,736 GRT. [ ] Of twelve outward-bound vessels 4 carried mixed cargo, 1 carried machinery, 3 carried coal, possibly as camouflaged cargo, 1 carried fuel oil, 1 carried ammonium nitrate and exploded and sunk and 2

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carried iron. Of 7 [REDACTED] vessels 3 carried general cargo, 1 carried tobacco, 1 carried ore and 2 carried soybeans. It is expected that the knowledge of the kinds of cargo will be improved by continued observation.

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Special attention was called to the traffic from, and to, Polish and Rumanian ports to, and from, Communist Chinese ports. This is of special interest and seems to be on the increase.

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5. Comment. [REDACTED] Traffic from, and to, western ports to, and from, Communist Chinese ports was observed and noted for the first time.

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[REDACTED] The larger number of outward-bound ships is presumably due to seasonal conditions. Grain and soybeans, e.g., were regularly shipped in larger quantities from Communist China to Europe. A clearer survey of this traffic will be received by further observation.

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